

SUBJECT No. 225.

Appointments in the lower grades of the Medical Department.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is submitted that in making appointments in the lower grades of compounders no preference may be shown to any class.

Withdrawn.

EDUCATION.

SUBJECT No. 226.

Reduction of School Fees.

Messrs. Sulekuppe Sidde Gowda of Magadi Taluk and S. Subbraya Bhatta, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—While the former rates of School fees were being paid by poor students by begging and such other means, the enhanced present rates are tending to prevent many of them from receiving education. Hence the fees should be lowered.

Reply of Government.—This does not require any reconsideration.

SUBJECT No. 227.

Study of Amarakosa to be made compulsory in schools.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality, and Shanbhog Shamaiya of Kankanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The study of Amarakosa may be made compulsory. The reason urged for the omission of this book from the curriculum, viz., that it encourages mere cramming, applies with greater force to the practice of requiring the pupils to mention from memory the railway stations on a particular line or the sea-port towns by a particular route. The study of Amara cultivates the memory and enriches the vocabulary.

Reply of Government.—Government cannot give any such specific direction.

SUBJECT No. 228.

Increase of pay of Hobli Schoolmasters and Anglo-Vernacular Schoolmasters.

Messrs. M. Varahaswami Iyengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote; and S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The very sources of learning in the Province are the Hobli and Taluk Schools. Young boys are brought at first to these schools. Here the foundation of education is laid down for them. They are trained up as far as the second standard or third standard. The pay of such schoolmasters has been far less than that of even a police constable. Grades have been given to the Professors and Assistant Masters of Colleges and High Schools; and besides, the inspecting staff has been strengthened by appointing Circle Inspectors and increasing the number of Deputy and Assistant Deputy Inspectors with grades. The expenditure of the Department for ten years has increased tenfold. But the fate of the poor Hobli and Taluk Schoolmasters is as it was before. It is therefore prayed that the pay of these school masters should be raised.

Reply of Government.—This will receive early consideration as far as funds permit.

SUBJECT No. 229.

Increase of pay to Primary Schoolmasters.

Messrs. Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao of Malur.

Summary of discussion.—Representations are being made for many years past about the increase of pay to the primary schoolmasters. There is no scope for promotion even after a long service of ten or fifteen years. It is solicited that a scale may be fixed at Rs. 7, 10, 12 and 15, promotion being given once in five years.

Reply of Government.—Vide Subject No. 228.